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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A battery pack comprising:

a plurality of battery modules arranged in parallel, each of said battery modules comprising a plurality of sealed rechargeable batteries arranged in a row and integrally connected in series, said sealed rechargeable battery having a metal case; and

a pair of holding brackets for holding both ends of said battery modules in a direction perpendicular to the parallel direction of said battery modules;

said battery modules being disposed with a cooling space provided between said battery modules;

said battery pack further comprising:

a tubular cover for surrounding the periphery of said plurality of battery modules so that said cover surrounds the entire periphery of said plurality of battery modules disposed with a cooling space provided therebetween; and

a coolant supply device for supplying coolant from one end to the other end of said tubular cover.

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2. (Cancelled)

3.(Currently Amended) The battery pack according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein said holding brackets are each provided with a ring-shaped protrusive wall into which said ends of said battery modules are fitted, said ring-shaped protrusive walls slide in both ends of said tubular cover, a slit is formed in said holding brackets in such a position as to correspond to said cooling space between the battery modules, and a fan is provided in the outer surface of at least one of said holding brackets.

4.(Currently Amended) The battery pack according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein a member for restricting or promoting cooling is disposed in the sidewall of said sealed rechargeable battery facing said cooling space between said battery modules, to even cooling performance between an intake side and an discharge side of said coolant.

5. (Original) The battery pack according to claim 3, wherein a blow direction of said fan is changeable.